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1. SECURITY SITUATION:

MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL DURING THE 3 DAY REPORTING PERIOD. FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING JUNE 24 AN APPARENTLY HIGH LEVEL OF CASUALTIES WAS DUE MAINLY TO A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. AT 1500 HOURS JUNE 23 A MARINE CORPS GMC TRUCK CARRYING ELEMENTS OF A REGIONAL FORCE CO. FROM HILL 300 TO HAI LANG HAD A BAD ACCIDENT RESULTING IN 2 " KIA", AND 23 " WIA".

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FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FOR THE 3 DAY PERIOD BROKEN DOWN BY DATE AT WHICH THEY WERE BRIEFED AT I CORPS:

JUNE 23 - 14 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSISTING OF 2 GROUND ATTACKS, 11 ABFS (162 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND 1 HARASSMENT. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 2 KIA, 16 WIA; ENEMY 15 KIA, 4 RETURNEES. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 253 ROUNDS, 60 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 193 SOUTH.

JUNE 24 - 8 VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED MADE UP OF 5 ABFS (91 ROUNDS) AND 3 HARASSMENTS. 4 ENGAGEMENTS WERE RECORDED. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 11 KIA, 47 WIA (INCLUDING RESULTS OF THE ACCIDENT REPORTED ABOVE) ENEMY 10 KIA, 5 RETURNEES. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A NEW LOW OF 97 ROUNDS, 49 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 48 SOUTH.

JUNE 25 - 11 VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED MADE UP OF 7 ABFS (50 ROUNDS) AND 4 HARASSMENTS. THREE ENGAGEMENTS WERE ALSO SHOWN. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 6 KIA, 23 WIA; ENEMY 12 KIA. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 146 ROUNDS, 50 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS AND 96 SOUTH.

2. AIRCRAFT INCIDENT:

THE I CORPS TOC LOG FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 25 AT 0600 HOURS SHOWS A REPORT FROM PANAMA RADAR OF A SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT NORTHWEST OF A- LUOI AT 1120 HOURS JUNE 24. ACCORDING TO THE LOG THE AIRCRAFT REMAINED OVER THE AREA FOR 10 MINUTES THEN DISAPPEARED. WE ARE PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF THE SIGHTING.

3. ATMOSPHERICS:

CONGEN POLOFF RECENTLY OBSERVED ON DANANG MAIN STREET A NEW DESOTO BUS WITH THE ITINERARY " TAY NINH- SAIGON" PAINTED ON THE SIDE, HEAVILY BEDECKED WITH BUDDHIST FLAGS AND A BANNER SAYING IN VIETNAMESE " HUE EXCURSION". THE BUS WAS FULL OF TEEN-AGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO PRESUMABLY WERE BUDDHIST FAITHFUL FROM TAY NINH ON THEIR WAY TO HUE. THE PRECEEDING IS REPORTED AS A SMALL ADDITIONAL INDICATOR OF THE BEGINNINGS OF A RETURN
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